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TO AMBASSADOR

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1. UNDER-SECRETARY OF INTERIOR FERNANDO GUTIERREZ ASKED TO SEE ME URGENTLY ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT. GUTIERREZ CAME TO THE RESIDENCE AT ONE O'CLOCK AND STATED THAT PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA HAD VERY MUCH IN MIND OUR CONCERNS RE MEXICAN-UNITED STATES CONFRONTATION AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. (MEXICO 4604). ON OUR LAST CONVERSATION IN THIS REGARD WITH GUTIERREZ IT HAD BEEN AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICAN DELEGATIONS TO BE CONSULTED BEFORE-HAND IN ORDER TO WORK OUT NON-CONFRONTATIONS PROCESSES IN PRIVATE. WITH THIS IN MIND THE PRESIDENT DESIRED TO MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

2. (A) ECHEVERRIA SENSES THAT THE WCIWY CONFERENCE IS VERY MUCH INPIRED BY THIRD WORLD SPIRIT AND THAT ITS FINAL DECLARATION WILL THUS BE THIRD WORLD IN TONE WITH HEAVY EMPHASIS ON HUNGER, POVERTY AND THE NEED TO GIVE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POOR NATIONS. HE HOPED
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THAT THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION COULD BEAR THIS IN MIND

AND SUPPORT THIS TYPE OF DECLARATION IN ORDER NOT TO FIND ITSELF ISOLATED.

3. (B) THE PRESIDENT FELT THAT THIS THIRD WORLD TONE WAS BEST EXPRESSED THROUGH THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES AND IT WOULD BE WISE TO HAVE AMPLE ALLUSIONS TO CERDS IN THE WCIWY'S FINAL DECLARATION. HE HOPED THAT THE UNITED STATES COULD BE MORE FORTHCOMING IN CERDS THAN IN THE PAST AND PERHAPS GIVE GREATER SUPPORT.

4. I TOLD GUTIERREZ THAT I APPRECIATED THE PRESIDENT'S GESTURE IN SENDING HIM TO CONSULT ME. REGARDING CERDS OUR USG POSITION ON THIS MATTER WAS THAT IT WAS NEITHER APPROPRIATE NOR EVEN POSSIBLE FOR THE UNITED STATES TO ACCEPT POLICES IN SUBORDINATE ORGANS SUCH AS WCIWY WHICH IT HAD BEEN UNABLE TO ACCEPT AT THE UNGA, THE PRINCIPLE ORGAN OF THE WORLD SYSTEM. ACCORDINGLY, I HOPED THAT THE MEXICANS WOULD NOT PUSH US TOO HARD ON THIS MATTER AS THIS MIGHT BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. IT WOULD BE HEART-BREAKING FOR US AND FOR ALL CONCERNED IF WE WERE FORCED TO ABSTAIN OR EVEN VOTE AGAINST A DECLARATION ON A CONFERENCE INTO WHICH SO MUCH EFFORT HAD BEEN PUT BY OURSELVES AS WELL AS THE REST OF THE WORLD. I STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE QUITE POSSIBLE FOR US TO FIND LANGUAGE IN WHICH WE WOULD MAKE GRACEFUL ALLUSIONS TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CERDS WITHOUT GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT WE SUPPORTED ALL ITS PROVISIONS. AFTER ALL, A MUTALLY AGREEABLE FORMULA HAD BEEN WORKED OUT AT THE ECLA POPULATION CONFERENCE IN MEXICO WHICH HAD PROTECTED OUR POSITION WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PERMITTING US TO VOTE FOR ITS DECLARATION, WITH A SUITABLE EXPRESSION OF RESERVATION DURING THE VOTE.

5. AS REGARDS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE FINAL DECLARATION, I TOLD GUTIERREZ THAT IN MY OPINION THE PRESIDENT SHOULD KEEP VERY FIRMLY IN MIND THAT THE BULK OF THE DELEGATIONS WISHED THE MAIN STRESS TO BE ON FEMALE EQUALITY. THIS OF COURSE WOULD NOT PREVENT SUITABLE REFERENCES BEING MADE TO THE NEED TO ELIMINATE POVERTY AND HUNGER AND TO IMPROVE THE LOT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS A SECONDARY OR INTERTWINE FACTOR. AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE THE LATTER CONFIDENTIAL

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HAVE PRE-EMINENCE OVER FEMALE EQUALITY, HOWEVER, WOULD CERTAINLY BE OPPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION AND IN MY OPINION ALSO BY MANY OTHERS AS WELL. I REFERRED TO ECHEVERRIA'S OPENING SPEECH AND TOLD GUTIERREZ THAT I HAD NOTED THAT WHILE THE PRESIDENT'S REFERENCES TO FEMALE EQUALITY AND TO THE LOT OF WOMEN HAD BEEN GREETED WITH THUNDEROUS APPLAUSE, HIS THIRD WORLD STATEMENTS HAD RECEIVED ONLY MILD APPLAUSE AND I BELIEVE THAT

THIS WAS INDICATIVE OF THE SPIRIT OF THE CONFERENCE, AT
LEAST IN ITS OPENING DAYS.

6. GUTIERREZ SAID THAT HE HIMSELF UNDERSTOOD OUR POSITION
PERFECTLY, THAT HE BELIEVED THAT OUR FRANK CONVERSATION
HAD BEEN USEFUL AND THAT HE WOULD REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT
IN AN EQUALLY FRANK MANNER IN THE THOUGHT THAT HE WOULD
FIND AN UNDERSTANDING ATTITUDE ON HIS PART.

7. COMMENT AND ACTION: (1) I AM SHOWING THIS TO DELEGATION
AND WILL BE IN CLOSE CONSULTATION. 2) FROM ECHEVERRIA'S
SEECH, FROM THE FACT THAT WE ARE ON THE HOME TURF OF THE
CHARTER ITSELF, AND NOW ECHEVERRIA'S SPECIAL MESSENGER,
ALL CONFIRM OUR PREDICTION THAT CERDS AND THIRD WORLD INSISTS
ISSUES WILL BE PRESSED HARD BY MEXICO AT WCIWY. 3) WE
WILL BE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH DEPARTMENT AND WOULD APPRECIATE
ANY NEW (AND PERHAPS EVEN FORTHCOMING) GUIDANCE WHICH BOTH
DELEGATION AND EMBASSY CAN PUT TO GOOD USE.
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